

Historic District Commission Meeting

May 20, 2003
At Newington Town Hall

Attending: Barbara Hill, Pam Blevins, Suzie Carmichel, Gail Pare, Barbara Myers, Jan Stuart.

Absent: Winnie Welch

4:10 PM. Minutes of April 22, 2003 were approved as read.

Correspondence was reviewed. Two microfilm cassettes were received from Brown River Bindery as copies of the volumes being restored. An insurance policy was also received.

A letter of support was sent to USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for the project to permanently protect the Darius Frink Farm under the Farmland Protection Program. This project would provide considerable agricultural protection and would ensure that the rural qualities of Newington would continue to exist.

The Preservation Alliance wrote asking for people to write letters in support of funding the LCHIP Program that is in the process of being voted soon.

The Selectmen have invited Austin Architects, Cambridge, MA to come and talk to them about their proposal to rehabilitate the Old Stone School and the Old Town Hall. The Selectmen have asked the HDC to propose names for a committee to work with Charlie Smart and the architects for a scope of work. Austin Architects proposal was \$12,500.

There was an email notice from the NH USDA Rural Development office about loan funds available for communities planning capital improvement projects.

The Historic District Commission discussed groups and names for the Selectmen to invite to plan with Austin Architects and Charlie Smart to rehabilitate the Old Stone School and the Old Town Hall for code compliance and public use.

Jan Stuart mentioned there is an old train traffic light on River Road that should be moved to the old Train Depot.

The Industrial Corridor Road was opened May 20 and named Shattuck Way.

Jan Stuart discussed the transfer of the Old Town Forest with a deed for a lease for 25 years to Newington by July 1, 2003. Questions about a survey of the property and the notification of NHDHR still need to be answered.

Corrections to the Historic Resources section of the Master Plan were discussed and will be passed to the Planning Board. The Historic resources of Newington make the character of Newington unique.

There was a discussion about the large boulders stashed in the Historic District for stonewalls. It was suggested that those we have be used to start the walls using the new town dozer.

The Selectmen agreed \$500 donation from Wal-Mart for stonewalls should be in a dedicated fund to allow the restoration a funds become available.

Jan Stuart mentioned that the town received Trickey Cove. There is a well on the property that needs to be filled in.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

Next meeting: June 24, 2003

Barbara Hill, Recorder